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This information disclosure statement is being submitted after three months of the filing date of the application and after the first Office action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that closes the prosecution in the application. As such, Applicant:

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authorized to withdraw the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) from our Deposit Account 04-0500.

In the event that there are fees associated with the filing of these papers, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw such fees from our Deposit Account 04-0500

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